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Libya

Tripoli radio viewed the events at the Libyan People's Bureau in London as a "horrible terrorist action" by the British Government, claiming that British police "stormed" the Bureau and opened fire on its members, thereby forcing those inside to "defend themselves." A Foreign Liaison Bureau statement carried by JANA blamed British authorities for permitting "hostile elements" to demonstrate outside the Bureau, accused them of provocations and hostile actions against Libyans in the People's Bureau and elsewhere in Britain, and warned that British police are preparing to capture the Bureau, an act which will "not pass without reply" from the Libyan people. In a related commentary, Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio denied that Libya was responsible for the "explosions which shook London" and said the "attack" on the People's Bureau was an "extremely bitter insult" which the Libyan people will avenge by exerting pressure on the "open wounds in the sick British body."

Lebanon

Lebanese-Syrian Summit — President Amin al-Jumayyil has accepted Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's invitation to visit Damascus for a summit meeting on 19 April, Beirut radio announced. Al-Asad's invitation came after Syrian officials reached agreement with Lebanese opposition representatives over the issues to be discussed, the radio noted. Earlier, in a cable to Al-Asad on the occasion of Syria's national day, Al-Jumayyil stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen bilateral relations, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

In other political developments, Radio Monte Carlo cited reports that Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt's recent talks in Damascus with Libyan Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud failed to reconcile the PSP leader and Libyan-backed Al-Murabitun leader Ibrahim Qulaylat. Meanwhile, the PSP's clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio alleged that Israeli Foreign Ministry Director General David Kimche visited East Beirut last week for talks with Phalangist political and military officials.

Military/Security Situation — Both Voice of the Mountain and the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported intermittent clashes on the contact lines in and around Beirut on 17 April. Meanwhile, French and Lebanese observers replaced gunmen in vantage points on the Al-Murr and Rizq Tower buildings in Beirut, according to the Voice of Lebanon. Damascus radio reported that Israeli forces are making military preparations in the Al-Biqa' valley which "observers" view as a prelude to an attack on the Syrians.

Iran-Iraq War

The Iraqi Navy and Navy air units destroyed two large "naval targets" between Bushehr and Khark Island early on 18 April, a military spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio.

PLO Affairs

PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir arrived in Algiers to head the Fatah delegation in talks with PFLP and DFLP representatives, Algiers radio reported. In Rabat Fatah Central Committee member Mahmud 'Abbas said Fatah is ready to discuss the "forthcoming formula" for the PLO Executive Committee with "all" except PFLP-General Command leader Ahmad Jibril and the Fatah dissidents, according to KUNA. The quadripartite alliance of the PFLP, DFLP, Palestinian Liberation Front, and the Palestinian Communist Party has submitted a "national salvation program" to Fatah calling for a broad front within the PLO aimed at maintaining the organization's unity and confronting "capitulatory" methods, the *JORDAN TIMES* revealed. PFLP spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif told the newspaper that the program is intended to prevent the PLO from endorsing schemes that contradict its nationalist goals. He also indicated that the PFLP and DFLP intend to strengthen their political position by escalating military operations against Israel.

Saudi Arabia

An official source, in a statement reported by SPA, accused the Western press of distorting the truth regarding the Saudi ambassador to Washington's recent banquet which was attended by the Soviet ambassador. There was "no directing or planning in the matter as imagined by some writers," the official stressed, and the Soviet ambassador has attended receptions given by the Saudi Embassy on previous occasions.

Afghanistan

Protest to Pakistan — The DRA Government, in a Foreign Ministry note to Pakistan reported by BAKHTAR, condemned Pakistan's alleged detention of 37 Afghan officials seized in an attack on a DRA customs post last December by "bandits and foreign mercenaries supported by Pakistani border units."

Panjshir Valley — Resistance leader Ahmad Shah Masud has captured about 50 secret police spies who had infiltrated his forces, AFP reported citing Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad.

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Pakistani Charge Summoned, Handed Protest Note

LD171721 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Kabul, 17 Apr (BAKHTAR) — The Pakistan Embassy's charge d'affaires in Kabul was summoned to the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1500 today. The following protest note concerning the arrest and imprisonment of 37 employees of DRA civil organizations in the incident which occurred in the Towr Kham area on 18 December 1983 was handed over to him by an official of the political department:

As a result of an attack by the bandits and foreign mercenaries supported by Pakistani border units and cover of light and heavy weapons fire on DRA civil installations in Towr Kham, they set fire to the customs house building, and after plundering public property and causing great loss to human life and property, they took with them some 37 personnel of the civil installations and transported them by force to the other side of the border. They were then arrested there by Pakistani authorities.

In accordance with letters which arrived from the above prisoners to the DRA authorities, the Pakistan militia, after taking the prisoners to the other side of the border and keeping them temporarily under custody at the Pakistani border post, then took them by special motor vehicle — carrying only prisoners — to Landi Kotal. There, Pakistani authorities tried, by using means of intimidation and temptation, to make them accept asylum in Pakistan. However, the prisoners resisted and said that Pakistan is always talking about noninterference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and now they want us by force to remain in Pakistan. "We wish only to return to our beloved homeland," they said.

The Pakistani authorities — having failed in their efforts — transferred the prisoners to the central prison in Peshawar. There, the prisoners were subjected to inhuman actions; they experienced severe physical and psychological torture. By brainwashing, they again tried to keep them in Pakistan and to prevent them from returning to their homeland and families.

The relevant Afghan authorities have many times summoned the charge d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul and have asked for the immediate release of the prisoners. But the Pakistani authorities have made no decision on this subject. So far, they have provided no necessary facilities for the Afghan Consulate in Peshawar to see the prisoners and find out about their condition and sufferings.

The patriotic Afghan prisoners so far have bravely tolerated various means of suppression and hard labor from the Pakistani authorities with earnest faith. The prisoners have not been influenced by their intimidation and false propaganda and plan to resist to the end. They have warned that if the situation continues, they will start a hunger strike.

The DRA Government vigorously condemns these actions by the Pakistan Government, which are contrary to international norms and principles and against the spirit of humanism and makes a serious protest to Pakistani authorities in this regard, once again asking the Pakistani authorities to immediately release the prisoners and safely return them to the DRA.

Afghan-Soviet Friendship Days Inaugurated

LD180914 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0459 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] Kabul, April 17, BAKHTAR — A gala function to mark the beginning of the days of Afghan-Soviet friendship devoted to 6th anniversary of April Revolution was held in Kabul today in the house of science and culture of the Soviet Union. The function was preceded by the inauguration of a two-week exhibition depicting the technical economic progress of Socialist Republic of Kazakhstan.

Guldad, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA and deputy president of Afghan-Soviet friendship society and Chainckov [name as received), deputy chairman of the council of ministers of Soviet Socialist Republic of Kazakhstan were among those who spoke on the occasion.

AFP: Rebel Leader Purges Infiltrators

BK171557 Hong Kong AFP in English 1550 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Excerpt] Islamabad, April 17 (AFP) — The Afghan resistance leader in Afghanistan's Panjshir Valley, Ahmad Shah Masud, has reportedly carried out a widescale purge, capturing about 50 secret police spies who had infiltrated his forces. According to Western diplomats here, the Khad agents were being held in Rokha, in the southern part of the valley, on April 4, to await trial. Some of them had been equipped with portable transmitters.

The guerrillas had been told to be on their guard against infiltration, according to a guerrilla source in Peshawar.

The Western diplomats also said that a highly placed Soviet official had indicated that the Red Army did not intend to launch another attack on the valley, which was said to be completely surrounded by Soviet-Afghan forces.

For the past month Mr Masud has been sending messages to Pakistan that Soviet forces were getting ready for a major offensive against the valley, from which the civilian population has already been evacuated.

Last week Soviet-Afghan forces carried out "mopping up" operations on the plain between Kabul and the southern entrance to the Panjshir, the diplomats said. The insurgents reportedly destroyed 15 armoured vehicles 10 days ago near Shakardara, where a fresh spate of night air raids had caused heavy civilian losses.

Resistance Chief Criticizes U.S., Iran

PM171051 Paris LE MONDE in French 14 Apr 84 p 5

[Patrice de Beer report: "Amin Wardak Criticizes Attitude of Iran and United States"]

[Text] Before returning to Afghanistan after visitsto the United States and France, Amin Wardak, one of the Afghan resistance's military chiefs — he leads the mujahidin in Vardak Province,

south of Kabul — strongly criticized, in an interview given to *LE MONDE*, the attitude of Washington and Tehran to the occupation of his country.

"The Americans have forgotten Afghanistan; they think it is a lost country. The Soviet soldiers fighting us eat American wheat. Washington is confusing the Afghan problem with the Khomeyni problem."

However, Mr Wardak stated, the latter has never helped the Afghan resistance. Quite the reverse, he has aroused groups of secessionists within the Shi'ite community "which had a very good organization, a very good leader, and with which we had a very good understanding." Today, Tehran controls two parties which "are fighting the mujahidin but never the Soviets."

"Khomeyni wants to destroy us," Mr Wardak added. "He forced the Afghans working in Iran to go and fight the Iraqis. Those who refused were killed or sent into territory controlled by (the communist regime of) Kabul. Is that Islam? The Tehran regime, which is contrary to Islam's principles, is not Islamic, but Khomeyniist."

Mr Wardak was not very soft on the other Islamic countries either, which are not giving the resistance any help at all, "whereas the French, who do not even have the same religion as us, are giving us humanitarian aid. No Arab journalist has yet visited our country. The Saudis seem more concerned with the propagation of Wahhabism than with aid for the resistance!"

However, he said, "we are not fighting just for our country but against the Soviets who have other interests aside from Afghanistan. It is less onerous to oppose the Soviets in Afghanistan; later — when they are on the threshold of the Gulf — it will be more difficult and more costly."

The Soviets, according to Mr Wardak, have stepped up the war since Mr Chernenko came to power several months ago. They are now launching offensives in several provinces at a time — five at present — and they are using helicopters to systematically machine gun the peasants who are trying to sow in their fields. "They just have to kill some of them and the others will no longer go to work." Thus, the aim is to starve the population, to force them to dissociate themselves from the resistance and flee either to government-controlled areas or to Pakistan.

At the same time, the Kremlin is setting up well equipped Afghan elite units, which enjoy privileges and are proving very effective. Citing American figures, Mr Wardak expressed the view that 18,000 of these soldiers have been trained in the USSR and 25,000 in Afghanistan itself by Soviet advisers. Facing them the resistance lacks arms — "we receive 5 percent of what we need from Peshawar" — and modern equipment. "We no longer have the military means to destroy their bases. The Soviets know the power of our arms and can protect themselves. The only solution is to have somebody on the inside."

Faced with a war which is likely to go on indefinitely, the resistance must unite, whatever the attitude of the Afghan political parties which have taken refuge in Pakistan. "Each province must achieve its unity as we have, and then we will have discussions. We will thus force the Peshawar parties to discuss." Nonetheless,the unity of the Afghan resistance still seems remote.

Briefs

BAKHTAR-PAP Agreement — Kabul, April 12, BAKHTAR — An agreement of cooperation between BAKHTAR information agency (BIA) of the DRA and POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) of the People's Republic of Poland was concluded here today. From the Afghan side, Sayed Amir Zara, president of BAKHTAR information agency, and from Polish side Janush Roshkowski, president of the POLISH PRESS AGENCY, signed the document. Under this agreement, news, photos, publications and delegations would be exchanged between the two news agencies. [TEXT] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0448 GMT 13 Apr 84 LD]

Ershad Addresses Laborers Rally 17 April

BK180849 Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali 1700 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Excerpt] President Ershad has called for maintaining peace and order in industries for uninterrupted economic advancement of the country.

He was addressing a mammoth laborers rally organized by the Bangladesh Swadhin [independent] Trade Union Federation in the Tezgaon industrial area today. The president cautioned the people against attempts to disrupt industrial peace and order at a moment when political dialogue is in progress in the country. He called upon laborers and the people to resist this sinister move in the greater national interest.

Making the vehement call "Laborers of Bengal, Unite," the president told the audience that he wants to move forward along with the laborers with the new slogan for the rehabilitation of the country.

The entire rally joined spontaneously in chanting slogans with the president. Announcing the acceptance of three major demands placed by the federation, he said that his government is continuing efforts to provide food, clothing, and housing to the common people including the laborers.

Regarding the reinstatement of expelled bank employees, he assured that he will consider the matter and that innocent employees will be reinstated. A decision will be made within 10 days.

Regarding the issue of setting up of a barbed wire fence along the border, President Ershad called upon the people to forge unity to face the situation. He said that there is no power in the world that can match us if the people are united.

President Ershad also announced acceptance of three demands by the industrial workers in addition to the cancellation of martial law order No 19 for the welfare of the laborers. He said that the government has already constituted the minimum wages commission for industrial workers.

TU Restrictions Lifted

BK180851 Dhaka BSS in English 0617 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] Dhaka, April 18 BSS — President Lt-Gen Hussain Mohammad Ershad has lifted restrictions on trade union rights of the industrial workers and defined measures to settle labour disputes. The president announced the decisions last night at a big labour rally in industrial-town, Tezgaon near here. The labourers would also have rights to go for appeal to labour appellate tribunal. The Bangladesh leader said the peasants and worker were the two main pillars of our economy and renewed his pledge to pay more attention to their welfare to improve the national economy.

FRG Communications Minister Leaves for Bangkok

BK180855 Dhaka BSS in English 0620 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] Dhaka, April 18 BSS — West German Minister for Ports and Telecommunication Dr Schwarz-Schilling left Dhaka today for Bangkok at the end of his four-day visit to bangladesh.

In Dhaka he pledged expanstion of economic cooperation between the two countries and indicated Bonn's rediness to advance 15 million Dm for digitalization of Bangladesh telephone system.

Schwarz-Schilling is the first minister of the Kohl cabinet to visit Bangladesh which is a major recipient of West German economic assistance. He said relations between Dhaka and Bonn is very good.

UAE President To Begin State Visit 5 May

BK160235 Dhaka Overseas Service in Bengali 1700 GMT 15 Apr 84

[Text] At the invitation of President Ershad, UAE President Shaykh Zayid ibn Sultan Al Nuhayyan will pay a 3-day state visit to Bangladesh beginning 5 May. (Sayid ad-Darmaki), chief of protocol of the UAE president, held talks with the Bangladesh officials in Dhaka on the preparations made for the forthcoming visit. (Sayid ad-Darmaki) paid a courtesy call on President Ershad today and spent some time with him.

Curfew Situations, Railway Violence in Punjab

BK171621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] The Lok Sabha will have a special discussion on the situation in Punjab tomorrow. This was announced by the Speaker, Mr Bal Ram Jakhar, in response to the demand made by opposition members.

Earlier, the home minister, Mr P.C. Sethi, assured the house that the state authorities are taking all possible measures to protect railway property and other likely targets. District authorities have been alerted to be vigilant and security forces are being deployed to check extremist activity. Referring to certain stray attempts of terrorists, the home minister said that government machinery has been geared up to apprehend the culprits.

According to the latest reports, curfew has been clamped in Patiala from 2100 to 0500 as a precautionary measure. As already reported, a 15-hour curfew was imposed in four towns of Faridkot district from 0400 to 1900 today.

An official spokesman said in Chandigarh today that miscreants fired at two railway gangmen on patrol duty near Ghariala railway station in Amritsar district last night. One gangman received minor injury. The spokesman said that a body of an unidentified woman was found today near (Bhallav) bypass near Amritsar.

According to a PTI report just received, two home guard personnel were shot dead by some miscreants near railway station in (Kotpura)-Fazilka section this evening. A railway police spokesman said the miscreats escaped with the rifles of the guards.

A number of Sikh extremists arrested recently in Punjab, Delhi, and Jammu have admitted their links with the Golden Temple complex, particularly with Sant Bhindranwale and the leaders of the All India Sikh Students Federation [AISSF]. One of them, who was involved in two murders in Ludhiana area in December last, confessed that he committed these crimes on the directions of Sant Bhindranwale, who had also given him money for buying a revolver. Another Sikh accused of several murders and robberies revealed that he had been operating on the Golden Temple complex for more than a year. He said he was a member of a gang which committed desecration of temples. They did so on the orders of the president of the Amritsar unit of the AISSF.

Opposition Appeal to Akali Dal

BK171643 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] A convention of 17 opposition parties held in New Delhi today has called upon the Akali Dal leadership to demarcate themselves from the extremists led by Sant Bhindranwale. In a declaration, it appealed to them to concentrate on the just political demands of the Punjabi people rather than on the communal demands of the Sikhs.

The convention regretted that the Akali leadership raised the issue of Article 25 of the Constitution, on which they had not made any demands earlier.

The declaration appealed to the workers of the party taking part in the convention to work for national unity, integration, and communal amity. It accused the Congress-I of trying to destabilize non-Congress-I governemnts and failing to curb divisive forces.

In a separate resolution, the convention expressed its solidarity with the Tamil-speaking people in Sri Lanka.

The declaration was moved by the CPI-M leader, Mr E.M.S. Namboodiripad, while the Democratic Socialist Party leader, Mr H.N. Bahuguna, presided. The other parties who took part in the convention included CPI, Janata, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Congress-S, Congress-J, Peasants and Workers Party, Janawadi Party, National Conference, the two Republican parties, Telugu Desam, Foward Bloc, and the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

11 Cases Against Sikh Leader

BK180913 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] The home minister, Mr Sethi, told the Lok Sabha today that 11 cases have been registered against Sant Bhindranwale. In a written reply, he said the cases are under investigation; no warrants have been issued against him in thse cases so far.

In reply to a separate question, the minister said the Punjab Government has informed that 11 Pakistani spies were arrested for espionage activities from January to November last.

Hindu Leader Killed

BK180328 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] The Punjab Government has appealed to newspaper editors not to publish statements of outlawed organizations. The appeal came at a meeting of the Press Relations Committee in Jullundur. Mr S.S. Sidhu, adviser to the governor, presided over the meeting attended by editors of newspapers in Punjab and Chandigarh. A consensus on a set of new guidelines to be observed by newspapers emerged at the meeting which felt that extremist activities should not be highlighted.

Meanwhile, in Chandigarh, the chairman of the local unit of the Suraksha Samiti [Protection Committee], Mr Inder Pal Gupta, was killed and eight persons injured when some unidentified miscreants opened fire and threw two bombs at a market area yesterday evening. The injured include a police constable. Police patrolling has been intensified in the union territory. The chief commissioner of Chandigarh has sought people's cooperation in maintaining communal harmony. While appealing to them not to get provoked, he gave the assurance that the administration will do its best to ensure safety of life and property.

A homeguards patrol was fired upon by unidentified persons at Baruwali Mandi village in Faridkot. Two homeguards were killed on the spot and one succumbed to injuries later. A number of extremists arrested recently in Punjab, Delhi, and Jammu have admitted their link with the Golden Temple complex, particularly with Sant Bhindranwale and leaders of the All India Sikh Students Federation. One of them who was involved in two murders in Ludhiana area has confessed that he committed these crimes on the directions of Sant Bhindranwale, who had given him money to buy a gun.

BBC Correspondent's Report

BK180339 London BBC World Service in English 0015 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Mark Tully report in "Radio Newsreel" program]

[Text] In the Indian state of Punjab, the violence goes on. Another leading Hindu politician has died, the victim of a grenade attack. The dead man was Mr Inder Pal Gupta, the president of a committee set up to protect Hindus from attacks by Sikh extremists who have been campaigning for greater religious and political autonomy in Punjab. Mark Tully in Delhi has more details:

[Begin Tully recording] The Hindu Protection Committee is one of the main targets of the Sikh extremist leader, Sant Jarnail, Singh Bhindranwale, who has alleged that Sikhs have become slaves of Hindus. The death of the Hindu leader is bound to increase the pressure on the government to take action against the Sikh extremist leader and his followers who have sought sanctuary in the Golden Temple in the Sikhs' holy city of Amritsar.

The governor of Punjab has admitted that for 6 months during which the central government has taken over responsibility for law and order in the state it has not resulted in any improvement in the law and order situation. The home minister of the central government, Mr Prakash Chand Sethi, was again pressed by opposition and government members in Parliament to give more information about the government's plans to improve the law and order situation in the Punjab. [end recording]

AFP: Sharpshooters To Protect Gandhi

BK180715 Hong Kong AFP in English 0750 GMT 18 Apr 84

[By Joel Henri]

[Text] New Delhi, April 18 (AFP) — The Defence Ministry has drafted 25 sharpshooters to protect Prime Minister Indira Gandhi whose life has been threatened by Sikh militants, sources close to the ministry said today. These crack shots are from the border police, the sources said. Five hundred men from this elite corps, which includes many Gurkhas, all under 30 and highly-trained, are protecting 200 other people and 50 vital installations in the capital, the sources said. They came here after dark yesterday from their base in Madhya Pradesh, central India, 500 kilometers (311 miles) south of New Delhi.

The decision to send for the commandos was taken yesterday following a meeting at the Defence Ministry attended by heads of various paramilitary and police forces.

The move was viewed by newspapers today as a disavowal of local police who have appeared totally inefficient in what they called the anti-terrorist struggle. On Monday the pro-government *HIN DUSTAN TIMES* reported that Sikh sucessionists had contacted an "international terrorist" hit team to assassinate Mrs. Gandhi, her son Rajiv, and several counter-espionage officials.

Meanwhile, Federal Minister of the Interior, M.P.C. Sethi, confirmed today in Parliament that the Indian special services, the research and analysis wing, was investigating the plot.

The *HINDUSTAN TIMES* said that "Sikh extremists have put out a contract of several million dollars for foreign killers to execute the prime minister." These Sikhs are followers of the Khalistan movement which seeks a separate Sikh state, it reported.

Other Sikhs, grouped around the Akali Dal political party in Punjab State, have been mounting an often violent campaign for political, religious and other concessionas for nearly 21 months.

Yesterday, the director of posts and telecommunications, M.A.S. Wakhle, told the press here that 1,300 telephone lines and several relays had been sabotaged over the weekend by unknown people. According to New Delhi newspapers, foreign-trained specialists had sabotaged the lines to cut off police chiefs in New Delhi and Punjab from their units in the field.

Police held that the saboteurs were Sikh commandos who appeared to be increasingly organized along military lines. They said that the simultaneous attacks Sunday and Monday on 40 train stations and two post offices in nine of Punjab's 12 districts were further evidence that these Sikh activists were organised on military lines.

Yesterday, six people in Punjab and Haryana were killed by masked men on motorcycles armed with sten guns and grenades. The victims included both Hindus and moderate Sikhs.

AFP Report on Clashes

BK181134 Hong Kong AFP in English 1121 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Excerpt] New Delhi, April 18 (AFP) — Clashes broke out in the capital of Punjab today during a general strike by Hindus to protest the killing of one of their leaders yesterday, press reports said. The newest violence in the state, where majority Sikhs are campaigning for greater autonomy, came as sources close to the Defense Ministry said 25 sharpshooters were being moved into the capital to protect Prime Minister Indira Gandhi following death threats against here from Sikh militants.

Tempers flared in Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and (?adjoining) Haryana state, as hundreds of Hindus collected outside the hospital holding the body of Inder Pal Gupta, who was gunned down by suspected Sikh militants yesterday. Mr.

Gupta headed the Chandigarh chapter of the Hindu Suraksha Samiti (Hindu Protection Association), an organisation formed in the wake of recent attacks on Hindus and Hindu temples in the wealthy northwestern state. The one-day strike was called by the Samiti.

A large group of Samiti activists armed with batons and other weapons marched towards a state-run medical school, chanting anti-government slogans, as police and para-military forces stood by, PTI said. The agency reported that the demonstrators damaged two vehicles and attacked a number of unidentified people along the path of the march, which was littered with stones, broken glass and footwear, PTI said.

Baton-swinging police charged protesters at one point when they tried to force shopkeeepers to honor the strike call and pull down their shutters, it said. The agency added that shopping centers were completely desterted, although government office and banks functioned normally.

Public transport buses operated early in the day, but services were later suspended as strike supporters threw stones at the vehicles or deflated their tires, PTI said.

Disappointment Expressed Over Recent INF Meeting

BK161440 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 16 Apr 84

[Text] India has expressed disappointment at the outcome of the recent meetings of the IMF and World Bank committees in Washington. The finance minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, who has just returned after attending the meeting, told newsmen in New Delhi today that no decision could be taken about the allocation of special drawing rights [SDR's] because of the attitude adopted by a few industrialized nations. He said these countries, which included the United States, West Germany, Japan, and Great Britain, thought that it is not the appropriate time for deciding on the SDR allocation, taking quite the opposite view to that of the developing countries.

Mr Mukherjee said that no final solution could be arrived at on the International Development Association's seventh replenishment also. This was because of certain bilateral issues between the United States and Japan. Mr Mukherjee disclosed that a proposal to convene a meeting of finance ministers of developing countries in India was mooted during the Washington meeting of the Group of 24.

'High-Powered' Hungarian Delegation Arrives

BK161001 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 16 Apr 84

[Text] The first deputy prime minister of Hungary, Dr Istavan Sarlos, arrived in New Delhi today on an 8-day official visit. He is leading a high-powered delegation. Dr Sarlos was received at the airport by the education minister, Mrs Sheila Kaul, and officials of her ministry. He will participate in the 200th birth anniversary celebrations of (Alexander Csoma de Kores), the renowned Hungarian explorer and Indologist.

In an interview with All India Radio correspondent (Uttamaresh), Dr Sarlos commended the initiatives of Mrs Gandhi as chairperson of the Nonaligned Movement in defusing tensions in the world.

Amir of Qatar Arrives on 3-day State Visit

BK181024 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] The amir of Qatar, Shaykh Khalifah ibn Hamad Al Thani, was given a ceremonial welcome when he arrived in New Delhi this afternoon on a 3-day visit to India. He was received at the airport by the president, Giani Zail Singh; the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi; a number of cabinet ministers; and members of the diplomatic corps. Shaykh Khalifah ibn Hamad Al Thani was presented a 21-gun salute as he steopped out of his special aircraft. He inspected an interservices guard of honor.

In a press statement, he said he is delighted to be in India. Qatar and India have very friendly relations since long. He hoped this relationship will be further strengthened by his visit. The official-level talks between the two delegations of the two countries will be held tomorrow.

Japan's Nakasone, Delegation To Visit 3-6 May

BK171310 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] The prime minister of Japan, Mr Y. Nakasone, will be visiting India from the 3d of next month for 4 days. He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation.

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TV Transmitters — About 180 television transmitters would be installed in various parts of the country by the end of the year as part of the TV expansion program. This was announced by the information and broadcasting minister, Mr. H.K.L. Bhagat, in the Lok Sabha on 17 April while replying to the discussion on the budgetary demands of his ministry which were later passed by the House. [Excerpt] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 17 Apr 84 BK]

Cable Link With UAE — India and the UAE have agreed to have a submarine telephone cable between the two countries for communication. The cable connecting Bombay will be approximately 1,100 nautical miles long and have a capacity of around 1,200 telephone circuits. A memorandum to this effect was signed in Bombay by the director general, Overseas Communications Service and the general manager, Emirates Telecommunications Corporation. [Text][Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1000 GMT 15 Apr 84 BK]

JANG: ROK Offers Help for Nuclear Plant

OW180819 Tokyo KYODO in English 0810 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] Islamabad, April 18 KYODO — South Korean constructors are ready to help build a controversial 900 megawatt nuclear power plant in Pakistan, the Urdu newspaper *"JANG"* has said. the paper, in a story on a South Korean investment mission now in Pakistan, said the head of a major South Korean power plant builder has offered help in building the plant which has been boycotted by all major Western nuclear contractors.

The proposed plant, to be built at Chashma about 160 kilometers north of Islamabad, has been boycotted because Pakistan refused to accept international checks on the plant and has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation pact, but the South Korean businessman said his company would be willing to undertake construction.

South Korea is not a member of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

Bids on the Chashma plant were called several moths ago, but Western companies, including Japan's Hitachi and Toshiba, did not enter tenders and Pakistan turned to the Soviet Union for help. The Soviets, however, call for safeguards in plants they help build and appear unlikely at the moment to help Pakistan unless its stand on plant checks is changed.

DAWN on International Hostility Toward Chasma

GF152002 Karachi DAWN in English 12 Apr 84 p 7

[Editorial "Aid for Chashma Project"]

[Text] Few things are as likely to put most western nations into a fit of hysterics as the issue of Pakistan acquiring nuclear capability — regardless of how often and how convincingly the peaceful purpose of the country's nuclear programme is brought home to these nations and whoever alse might be interested to know and understand. Pakistan has been the butt of criticism, and worse, on this count for many years and even now, when it is becoming obvious even to the most obdurate that the idea of developing nuclear weapons is not part of the country's plans, there is a marked hostility towards the peaceful nuclear programme.

In this context, it is interesting to note that Pakistan is to ask for forty million dollars for the Chashma project at the consortium meeting in Paris. It is even more interesting to note that "official circles" think the request may well be refused. It will be known in a day or two how members of the consortium receive the request for aid for this nuclear power plant project, but in case it is refused, it will be a mistake. The phobia which has developed about Pakistan's efforts to develop nuclear energy is irrational and if it is carried to the extent that even efforts in obviously peaceful fields are blocked, then it will be a discrimination which should quite rightly be circumvented in other ways.

Anyone who is even superficially aware of Pakistan's energy needs and its resources should have no difficulty in gauging the problems which the country is facing. Able to meet only about ten per cent of its oil requirements through local production, and with restructed supplied of other conventional energy resources, Pakistan has to depend heavily on oil imports to keep going. The result is not only a severe strain on resources but also a strangulation of development, as is being caused by the current energy crisis.

Apart from these facts, which so amply underscore the country's need to develop its nuclear potential to augment its energy supplies, there is also the argument that a country cannot be discriminated against in the manner that Pakistan is being. It has an unquestionable right of access to nuclear energy, and if Western nations persist in denying it this right, then it should look elsewhere for aid. As a matter of fact, Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq has said after last year's visit to the USSR that that country is studying the Chashma nuclear project with a view to participating in it. If other avenues are closed to Pakistan, then this option, should it become available, must be taken up and examined.

Pakistan's need for nuclear energy was also endorsed by the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency [IAEA]. During a recent visit to the country, he stated clearly that Pakistan has sufficient organisational capacity and technological expertise to undertake major projects in the area of peaceful use of nuclear energy. Apart from the fact that the IAEA has so far not had cause to regard Pakistan's nuclear projects with any suspicion from the safety angle, its director-general stressed this aspect during his visit and said that he was convicned Pakistan's safeguards and trained manpower are sufficient to warrant further development of use of nuclear energy.

With a certification of this sort it is difficult to see why some Western countries should have any doubts about Pakistan's ability to manage nuclear installations safely. The weapons aspect has also been convincingly answered by Pakistan, although it should be obvious that with the kind of equipment it has, and its willingness to accept safeguards suggested by the IAEA, the development of nuclear weaponry is an impossibility. Under the circumstances Pakistan will be justified in seeking assistance from wherever it is available — of course, on terms that are acceptable — should it be refused the aid that it is seeking currently.

Embassy in Delhi Denies Report on Punjab Move

BK180709 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] The Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi has described as fabricated and totally baseless a report published in New Delhi's English newspaper *HINDUSTAN TIMES* which alleged that Paksitan is involved in intensifying their movement in east Punjab. A press release issued by the Pakistani Embassy categorically stated that Pakistan is strictly adhering to the policy of noninterference in internal affairs of other countries, including India. The press release hoped that those engaged in fabricating such sinister and baseless reports will refrain from doing so for the sake of peace, friendship, and cordiality between the two neighboring countries.

NAWA-E WAQT Apprehension on Indian Buildup

GF180613 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 7 Apr 84 p 3

[Editorial: "Indian Troops on the Pakistani Border"]

[Excerpts] The Sikh movement in India's Punjab Province, the situation created by sectarian differences between Hindus and Sikhs, and the concomitant sanguinary clashes can become very serious from the Indian point of view. But the massing of troops by India on the Pakistani border as reported by the Indian paper *TRIBUNE* is a pretext and rather extreme measure.

Mrs Gandhi and her potential successor Rajiv Gandhi, her son, continue to drop intermittent hints on the possibility of an attack by Pakistan. Pakistan should take serious note of the implications of the massing of Indian troops on the border.

The Sikhs' demands and their campaign are India's internal concern, and whatever measures the Indian Government is taking is also its domestic matter, but the formal massing of troops on Pakistan's border cannot be treated as a mere security measure and Pakistan must carefully study the possible repercussions, especially since Mrs Gandhi and her son Rajiv continue to wax eloquent on the danger of a Pakistani attack. Another aspect of the buildup on the border is the heavy expenditure by the government. No government can take such a step or bear such an expenditure merely for fun or ostentation.

Sikhs form a large part of India's Armed Forces, and because of this Mrs Gandhi cannot openly use military force even as a last resort. Hence, she can always embark on a war with Pakistan, merely to remain in power.

Lust for wealth or power always blinds a person. Mrs Gandhi's hunger for power is not confined to herself — she wishes to hand over reins of government to her son — and that is why she is willing to do anything. Therefore, it is imperative for Pakistan to keep in view her overt and long-standing antagonism to Pakistan and her paranoid lust for power and its concomitant implications, due to which it is likely that she may take the step for which she has massed troops on our border.

Development Minister on Aid Consortium's Meeting

BK180515 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Excerpt] There will be an increase of at least $200 million in Pakistan's aid from the Aid Pakistan Consortium during the next fiscal year. The increase in relation to nonproject assistance will be 70 percent. This was stated by Planning and Development Minister Dr Mahbubul Haq while talking to newsmen in Islamabad yesterday.

The federal minister, who attended the consortium meeting in Paris, said that the meeting also considered the issue of speedy development of comparatively less developed areas of Pakistan. For these areas, 50 projects were presented at the meeting. The consortium countries will sign agreements after holding talks individually on provision of funds during the next fiscal year for these projects.

Amir or Qatar Leaves Islamabad for New Delhi

BK180715 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Excerpt] Amir of Qatar Shaykh Khalifah ibn Hamad Al Thani was accorded a very warm send-off when he left Islamabad for New Delhi a short while ago following the 3-day visit to Pakistan. President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq bade farewell to the distinguished guest. The two leaders warmly shook hands and embraced each other.

Qatari Minister's News Conference

BK171603 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Pakistan and Qatar are determined to promote bilateral cooperation in many fields. This was stated by Qatari Information Minister 'Isa Ghanim al-Kuwari at a news conference this afternoon at the presidency. He said the heads of state of Pakistan and Qatar expressed this determination during their detailed discussions in Islamabad. He added that the amir stressed the need for concrete proposals for setting up joint ventures which can be set up in Qatar or anywhere in Pakistan.

Referring to the signing of economic, technical, and cultural cooperation agreements, the Qatari information minister said the first session of the joint commission of the two countries will be held after the agreements are ratified. He said the amir of Qatar commended the constructive role being played by Pakistanis working in Qatar. He said an agreement has been nearly finalized to formalize the supply of Pakistani manpower for Qatar and it will be signed soon.

Referring to the Afghanistan issue, he expressed his country's stand that foreign troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan and the people of that Islamic state be given the right to choose any form of government for themselves without any foreign intervention. He said that besides Afghanistan the two leaders discussed many international issues including the Iran-Iraq war. The countries have identical views on all these issues. Both leaders also expressed the desire to continue efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war. The Qatari information minister commended Pakistani efforts as a member of the Islamic peace committee in this connection.

Zia, XINHUA Head Discuss Media Cooperation

BK160225 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 15 Apr 84

[Text] The director general of the Chinese news agency XINHUA, Mu Qing, called on the president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, in Rawalpindi this evening. He discussed with the president measures to expand cooperation between the media of China and Pakistan. He particularly discussed the new system of satellite transmission and said Pakistan was the first country in the region with which XINHUA was establishing such arrangement. Reciprocating, the president said such (greater) communication and modernization of the exchange system was a great step forward to bring the peoples of both countries together.

Mr Mu Qing, who visited the Afghan refugees' tented village in Peshawar today, said after seeing the magnificent display of Pakistan's humanitarian assistance to the Afghan refugees he and the members of his delegation were full of admiration for the generous help given by Pakistan to the refugees. The federal minister for information and broadcasting, Raja Mohmmad Zafarul Haq, was also present.

Iranian Education Delegation Calls on Ziaul Haq

BK141609 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Apr 84

[Text] The nine-member Iranian delegation led by Culture and Higher Education Minister Dr Mohammad 'Ali Najafi called on President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Islamabad today. The delegation exchanged views with the president on cooperation in the fields of education and culture. The Iranian delegation leader delivered a mossage of good wishes to the Pakistan president on behalf of the Iranian president. The president presented the delegation members with books on Pakistan.

Delegation Meets Ministers

GF151600 Karachi DAWN in English 13 Apr 84 p 3

[Text] Islamabad, April 12 — The federal minister for information and broadcasting, Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq, yesterday said that mutual cooperation between Iran and Pakistan would serve the interests of common faith.

He was talking to an Iranian delegation headed by Dr Mohammad 'Ali Najafi, minister for culture and education of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who called on him here.

He said that traditionally there have always been close and cordial relations between Pakistan and Iran as the two countries believed in the real spirit of Islam.

The information minister said that there is a lot of bias in some of the international news agencies which are controlled by the super powers. These agencies, he said, projected their point of view with a particular angle. He said the Muslim countries should strengthen their national news organisations and extend cooperation in the field of mass media to brotherly Islamic countries. He said that this was the only way to meet the situation and project the viewpoint of the Muslim world. Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq apprised the delegation about the functions of Radio and TV. He also briefed the delegation about the working of the ministry of religious affairs.

Reciprocating, the Iranian minister for culture and education, Dr Mohammad 'Ali Najafi, said the ties between the two countries are based on the common faith. He said closer cooperation between the two countries in the field of mass communication would further strengthen the relations. He said that his delegation had very useful talks with the Pakistan authorities during their current visit and expressed the hope that it would yield concrete results.

It was agreed in the meeting that there should be more frequent exchange of radio and TV programmes between the two countries.

The two sides agreed that exchange of journalists and visits of delegations of scholars will further strengthen the relations between Pakistan and Iran.

The Iranian delegation, headed by Dr Mohammad 'Ali Najafi, also called on the federal minister for tourism, sports and culture, Mr Niaz Mohammad Arbab yesterday.

IRNA: Minister Visits Lahore

LD161022 Tehran IRNA in English 0917 GMT 16 Apr 84

[Text] Islamabad, April 16 IRNA — Iranian minister of Culture and Higher Education Mohammad 'Ali Najafi, currently on a visit to Pakistan, Sunday left Peshawar from Lahore. He then attended a ceremony at the Culture House of the Islamic Republic of Iran in that city to commemorate the birth anniversary of Imam Ali (AS), the first imam of the household of the Prophet (SAW).

The minister in the ceremony spoke on birth anniversary of the Imam, the second term of the Majlis elections and the achievements of the Islamic Revolution. The ceremony ended with slogans reading, "God is the greatest", "down with the U.S.", "down with the Soviet Union" and "down with the Zionist regime."

The Iranian Minister, at the head of a delegation arrived in Pakistan on April 10th.

Iranian Cultural Official Denounces Conspiracies

GF162010 Rawalpindi HAIDAR in Urdu 6 Apr 84 P 8

[By staff reporter]

[Text] Rawalpindi, 5 April — The cultural director of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Seyyed Musa Hoseyni, said: The superpowers are predatory and proof of this is the chemical weapons given by a superpower now being used against Iran in the war.

Seyyed Musa Hoseyni, the chief guest, was speaking at a reception hosted by the Muslim Writers Association in Rawalpindi this evening on the occasion of the anniversary of Iran's revolution. He said: The principles of the Islamic Revolution in Iran pose a danger to exploitation and it is for this reason that colonialist powers are involved in machinations against Iran. He continued: The enemies of Islam have the weapons and even the media are under their control. We have no hope from those who profess to champion human rights, because they are also in the hands of the superpowers who are assisting Iran's enemies.

Seyyed Musa Hoseyni added: Despite being immersed in difficulties and even during the course of a war, Iran has held elections and interim elections because we are aware that no government can last without the people's participation. With

these principles of ours, the colonial powers of the world have realized that only God's religion is the true and complete one and we only need to follow it to the letter. He said: The Iranian revolution is a movement which is not limited to Iran but affects the whole world.

Addressing the gathering earlier, Maulana Bashir Ahmad Chishti said: Ayatollah Khomeyni has given his country a status. Zakir Hussain Shah said: A government which has not been set up with the will of the people is not Islamic; only that country is Islamic which has the approval of the people. The people of Iran struggled against monarchy so that a republic could be set up. It is wrong to say that a republic is obsolete. Dictatorship and monarchies are outdated.

At the end of the reception, Syed Ali Asghar Shah also spoke.

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French Cooperation Protocol — Pakistan and France have signed a protocol on cultural, scientific, and technical cooperation. The agreement followed a 2-day session of the Pakistan-France joint commission meeting in Paris. The protocol, which is within the framework of the Pakistan-France cultural and technical cooperation agreement of 1970, envisages an extension of activities in these spheres for the next 2 years. It provides for exchanges in the artistic, cultural, and musical fields as well as visits of sports teams. Pakistan and France will collaborate in broadcasting, television, and films. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 12 Apr 84 BK]

APP-IRNA Agreement — ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN and the IRNA news agency of the Islamic Republic of Iran have signed a new agreement to make their existing cooperation in the exchange of news stronger and effective. Under the agreement, which was initialed yesterday, the two countries will exchange news and photographs and benefit from each other's experience to improve the performance of their respective news agencies. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 13 Apr 84 BK]

Education Cooperation With Iran — Pakistan and Iran today signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of education in Islamabad today. The two countries agreed on the setting up of a joint educational commission which will formulate guidelines for further cooperation and will supervise the implementation of clauses of the memorandum. The commission will meet alternately in Tehran and Islamabad. Under the memorandum, valid for 2 years, the two countries will provide necessary facilities in their universities and other institutions of research and higher education for cooperation in fields of mutual interest. The two countries will encourage joint research programs and exchange of university teachers and research scholars. [Excerpts][Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 14 Apr 84 BK]

Oil, Gas Exploration Aid — The Canadian international development agency is to provide 40 million Canadian dollars to Pakistan for intensifying oil and gas exploration work during next 5 years. Of this amount, $21 million will come as a grant while the remaining approximately $18 million will be given in the form of a loan. This was stated by the Canadian international development agency delegation during a meeting with the Pakistani minister of state for petroleum and natural resources, Dr Mohammad Asad Khan, in Islamabad today. [Excerpt][Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 12 Apr 84 BK]

Air Force Vice Chief — According to a press release of the Defense Public Relations Department, Air Marshal Jamal Ahmad Khan has been appointed vice chief of the air staff with effect from today. He succeeds Air Marshal Abdur Rashid Sheikh, who retired today after 33 years of meritorious service. [Text][Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 16 Apr 84 BK]

Rice to Comoros — Under an agreement signed in Karachi today, Comoros is to purchase 36,000 tons of IRI-6 rice from Pakistan. [Excerpt] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 15 Apr 84 BK]

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,699

LD171724 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Communique No 1,699 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] During the past 24 hours, Islam's combatant forces continued to strengthen and consolidate their positions, to defend their safeguarded areas along all fronts, and to crush and neutralize all enemy activities and operations.

In the northwestern operational sector, our combatants openedartillery fire and destroyed a number of the Iraqi servicemen's positions and weapons emplacements in the Piranshah, Sar Dasht, and Hajj 'Umran border fronts. Two heavy vehicles, mortar launchers, and two ammunition dumps belonging to the mercenaries were set ablaze.

Exchanges of fire continued in the western operational sector. Its intensity was greatest in the Qasr-e Shirin region where, thanks to the fire of our combatant units, enemy vehicle traffic was halted and his heavy weapons fire was silenced.

In the southern operational sector, Islam's mighty combatants opened fire on the enemy's artillery, tank, and infantry positions andon supply highways and mobile units and disrupted traffic and movements by the Saddamists. During an exchange of fire across the Arvand Rud, one fuel carrying vehicle, one fuel dump, one truck carrying servicemen, and more than 20 one-man fire trenches and weapons emplacements of the enemy were destroyed. At least 30 mercenaries were killed or wounded.

Yesterday, as a result of enemy long-range fire, three houses and 12 shops were damaged in Abadan.

President Issues Armed Forces Day Message

GF180816 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0640 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Message issued by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on 18 April — live or recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. It is 5 years since the magnanimous and glorious imam declared 18 April as the day to honor the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Thank the Lord, our zealous, honorable, and proud Armed Forces have achieved great progress in the eyes of our people from the point of view of military capability, sacrifice, and popularity. The progress in all these areas stems from one source and that is the tilt toward dear Islam and the Koran and readiness to sacrifice for the policies designed for the Armed Forces by the Koran and Islam.

The army passed its test during the long war imposed by the agents of superpowers against our country. It is a great test. The Armed Forces have proved they can be an armed force for a society whose people are all elements of a combatant and revolutionary body for God's work. The Armed Forces made sacrifices on the battlefields. They put their capabilities at the disposal of the immense popular forces for their training, organization, and preparation. They put their entire being behind our national goals. Our Armed Forces today are an example far removed from the armed forces of the time of suffocation. They belong to the people today; they are popular among the people.

They are working to achieve popular goals. Considering this, there is a great deal of hope for the further progress of the Armed Forces. All military officials and every member of the Armed Forces are charged with speeding this progress. There lies a great burden of duty on the shoulder of the Armed Forces, the personnel of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran — whether they are soldiers, guards, or Mobilization people — and the entire nation. While the large criminal powers of the world are thinking of crushing our revolution under their pressure, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic must return all the blows thrown at them or the revolution by these criminal powers toward them.

Armed Forces Chief on Changes in Military

GF171642 Tehran IRNA in English 1616 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Tehran, April 17, IRNA — General Qasemali Zahir-Nejad, chief of the joint staff of the Islamic Republic Armed Forces in an interview with IRNA today outlined the changes that the armed forces has undergone during the years after the revolution.

Speaking on the occasion of the armed forces day, April 18, he said the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in their dauntless battle against the internal and foreign anti-revolutionary elements and in the course of the Iraqi-imposed war have fully demonstrated their true and reformed nature.

The chief of the joint staff also commented on the plots of anti-revolutionary grouplets in Iran who were demanding the dissolution of the armed forces in order to materialise their plans in the interest of the eastern and the western powers. General Zahir-Nejad also stressed that the Islamic Republic Armed Forces has maintained its integrity and proved its adherence to Islam.

'Ali Khamene'i Meets With Air Force Commander

LD171218 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Colonel Seddiq, commander of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, met this morning with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, chairman of the Supreme Defense Council. In the course of this meeting, the Air Force commander presented a report on the general situation of this force. He briefed the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council on praiseworthy activities of brave pilots of helicopters, fast-flying fighter planes of the Air Force, and fuel-carrying planes during the victorious Khaybar operations and the successful records of the air defense units and the number of the enemy planes downed by the units. Afterward, while expressing delight at the unstinting efforts of the self-sacrifying employees of the Air Force, Mr Khamene'i paid tribute to them.

IRNA: Egypt 'Not Qualified' To Propose Peace Plan

LD180953 Tehran IRNA in English 0905 GMT 18 Apr 84

[Text] New Delhi, April 18, IRNA — An Egyptian Foreign Ministry advisor [word indistinct] is expected to present Husni Mubarak's peace plan for what is being termed a possible solution to "ending the Iraq-Iran war" to Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi. Husni Mubarak's peace plan before being released was confirmed by the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy.

The regime of Egypt has sided with Iraq during the 43 month old imposed war both military and financially, and has so far put the sum of 1.5 billion dollars worth of arms at disposal of Iraqi regime. According to Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan about 12,000 to 15,000 Egyptian soldiers were fighting alongside Iraqi troops in war fronts against Iran. The number of Egyptian soldiers among Iraqi forces as Saddam Husayn has declared was more than other **reactionary** Arab forces.

With regard to the trend of war, which portends the imminent fall of Iraqi regime, it should be said that Egypt was not qualified to propose any peace plan.

It is expected that the plan is only an attempt by the U.S. to harm credibility of nonaligned movement and gain a false prestige to the isolated regime of Egypt.

Imam Khomeyni Receives IRGC Officials

LD171056 Tehran IRNA in English 1025 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Tehran, April 17, IRNA — Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad 'Ali Rahmani, head of mobilisation of the oppressed of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) and a number of its members met with Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic, and presented him a report on the activities of the institute, tuesday morning. During the meeting Imam Khomeyni commended them for their services and asked them to continue serving Islam, their country and nation.

Khomeyni Receives Martyr Relatives, Defense Minister

LD161144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 16 Apr 84

[Text] Families of martyrs from Karaj and several families of Tehran's martyrs from the Khazaneh-e Bakhara'i district, the 'Ali ebn-e Abitaleb and Hazrat Abolfazl mosque and the Jey Simetry district this morning met with Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Hoseyniyeh-e Jamaran. A group of officials, members of the Islamic association of Iranian dentistry, and academic staff, heads, professors, and students of dental colleges were also present on the occasion of dentistry week.

During the meeting, Mr Karrubi, the imam's representative, made some remarks on the elections for the second term of the Majlis. Referring to the mass participation of the martyr-nurturing and heroic ummah of Iran at the elections and the biased propaganda of the Zionist mass media on the elections, Mr Karrubi said: Once again, the zealous ummah of Iran, through their divine move and unprecedented mass participation at the elections, dashed the hope of the Eastern and the Western superpowers, just as before.

Referring to the self-sacrifices of families of the martyrs, the missing warriors and the captured ones, Mr Karrubi beseeched God to grant patience to the families and high rewards to the ternal martyrs. Afterward, on behalf of the Imam of the ummah, Mr Karrubi offered congratulations and condolences to the families and paid tribute to them for their patience, self-sacrifices, and steadfastness.

Finally, the hope of the world's oppressed, Imam Khomeyni, acknowledged the sentiments expressed by the audience.

According to the same report, Defense Minister Colonel Salimi was also received in audience by the Imam of the ummah this morning and held talks with his holiness.

Tehran Arabic Reports on Operations in Iraq

Dahuk, As-Sulaymaniyah, Al-Mawsil

GF141143 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0900 GMT 14 Apr 84

[Text] Reports from Iraq said that last week a group of Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries attacked meteorological centers in the mountainous regions of Dahuk Province in northern Iraq and were able to kill a large number of Saddamists. In this attack, the revolutionaries seized armored cars, guns, and radio equipment as well as noticeable quantities of war provisions.

In another attack which the Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries launched on a group of agents of the Saddam in the city of As-Sulaymaniyah, six agents were killed.

The regime's agents raided many places in the city of Al-Mawsil and its suburbs and arrested a number of Muslim citizens and sent them by force to the fronts of the imposed war.

Further Attacks

GF170544 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 16 Apr 84

[Text] The Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries recently launched two operations against the forces of the Saddam regime in which these forces suffered serious losses. The Muslim revolutionary Iraqis also launched a missile attack on a military post belonging to the forces of the Saddam regime which resulted in the deaths of 13 members of the forces of the Ba'thist and Zionist regime which diminates Iraq and the wounding of others.

In other operations in the region of (?Dardanjihan), the Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries killed a number of members of the Saddam forces. They also destroyed a number of depots.

Antiregime Operations Escalated

GF171900 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] In continuation of their operations against the regime imposed on Iraq, the Muslim Iraqi revolutionaries during the past few days killed six personnel from the forces of the Zionist Iraqi regime and wounded others in their attack against a patrol of this regime in the city of As-Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq.

During the past 2 weeks, the Muslim Iraqi revolutionaries escalated their operations against Saddamist security personnel and forces in northern Iraq and killed and wounded scores of them.

Kermanshah Friday Imam Criticizes Government

GF160554 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 15 Apr 84

[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, the Friday imam of Kermanshah has criticized the government of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi for inaptitude and its inability to administer the country and solve its problems. He said: The methods used by the government of Mir-Hoseyn Musavi have severely alienated people, especially the clergy. He added: The asylum sought by Hojjat ol-Eslam Ostad 'Ali Tehrani in Iraq comes as a result of the confusion prevailing in Iran.

There is possibility of a severe reaction to the criticism by Khomeyni and he may even dismiss the Friday imam of Kermanshah from his post.

Radio Iran on Search for Arms Sources

GF171902 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 17 Mar 84

[Text] Faruq 'Azizi, brother of Ahmad 'Azizi of the Islamic Republic's Foreign Ministry and the broker of arms purchases, has moved his office from Athens to London. Faruq 'Azizi, who is Khomeyni's personal representative to obtain necessary arms from the smugglers' market and international intermediaries, was formerly a pharmacist. Recently, he visited Israel, Portugal, and Venezuela in order to guage the opinions of most of the arms dealers and to persuade them to sell spare parts and accessories for aircraft and tanks to the Islamic Repuiblic. Faruq 'Azizi has moved his center of activity from Athens to London, saying that there are greater opportunities there to contact arms brokers.

Clashes in Mashhad; Demonstrators Arrested

GF171840 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 17 Apr 84

[Text] Nationalist elements report that some time ago the warstricken victims of tyranny and repression in one of the towns near Mashhad, Shahrak-e Beheshti, attacked the martyrs foundation office and the Komiteh office to protest the highhandedness of the Komiteh members and the hirelings of the Islamic regime and broke all the windows of the building. Following these demonstrations and protests, which culminated in clashes between the armed religionists and the people, the guards arrested 42 demonstrators and took them to the Guards Corps headquarters at Malekabad in Mashhad.

This is not the first time these ruffians and murderers who exult in the use of their weapons have victimized the tyrannized, warstricken refugees who have lost all they had in the towns and villages and [words indistinct] these crimes and treachery against them.

Briefs

Khomeyni Meets Housing Officials — This morning a group of clergymen and officials who represent the Islamic Revolution Housing Foundation nationwide met the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeyni, on the anniversary of the establishment of the Housing Foundation, 22 Farvardin [11 April], at Hoseynieh Jamaran. During the meeting the Imam's representative Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Hashem Rasuli conveyed the imam's appreciation of the activities of those involved with the Housing Foundation. Imam Khomeyni, the hope of the world's oppressed, acknowledged the sentiments expressed by those present. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Apr 84 LD]